

JUBILANT

Were Hibernians Over the Initiation of New Members Tuesday.

Fourteen More Names Added to Roster of Ancient Order.

Hearty Welcome Accorded Ladies' Auxiliary and Stirring Talks.

AN EVENT TO BE REMEMBERED

The jubilee joint initiation of Divisions 1 and 8, Ancient Order of Hibernians, which took place Tuesday night in Falls City Hall, will long remain a pleasant memory with those fortunate enough to witness the impressive and instructive exemplification of the workings of this great order of Catholic men. Despite the downpour of rain the hall was filled to the standing room point, and the presence of the Ladies' Auxiliary, who were honor guests of the evening. The proceedings were opened by President Martin Cusick, the audience singing "God Save Ireland." Several reports were filed and referred to committees, in order that as much time as possible could be given for the initiatory ceremonies.

President the advent of Sergeant Maloney and his guard of honor escorting the degree staff, which included Lawrence J. Mackey, Thomas Stevens, Thomas Quinn and Magistrate Patrick T. Sullivan, who exemplified the three degrees in a manner that surpassed all former attempts at such a thing. The new members were initiated by the fourteenth candidates and the real work of the initiation was begun. Not an error or stop of any kind marked the degree work, which at times evoked rounds of applause, as did also the singing of the odes under the direction of Thomas Keenan, Jr. The lessons given in each degree were designed to arouse those who were members of the Ancient Order to nobler and higher ideals and instill the spirit of true friendship, which makes for better Catholicity and citizenship. No time was lost and President Cusick again resumed the chair, in a happy manner inviting all to remain and participate in the reception and entertainment arranged in honor of the new members and the Ladies' Auxiliary. After all had partaken of the light collation with unstinted generosity, a short period of time was given to songs, talks and stories.

Capt. Thomas Fitzgibbon sang an Irish ballad that stirred the heart of every one present, as did also the touching song of Sergeant Maloney. Attorney Thomas Walsh was in his best mood and for the few minutes he addressed himself to the ladies, kept his hearers convulsed with laughter. The Ladies' Auxiliary choir rendered one of their best selections, followed by County President Dolan, who spoke for the County Board and what was being done. Miss Mary Corcoran responded for the Ladies' Auxiliary, expressing appreciation for the honor bestowed upon them and gratitude for the warm welcome given them on this occasion. She wished for the divisions continued success and many like initiations, promising that it would not be long until the Auxiliary would reciprocate and be hosts to their Hibernian brothers.

Thomas Tarpey delivered the speech of the evening, in the course of which he paid high compliment to the ladies present, who were an inspiration and encouragement to all belonging to the Ancient Order and a great help in increasing its membership. He pointed out the great good this society has done in the past for the people of Irish birth or descent, the manifold benefits derived from membership and the great work that yet remains to be performed. During the social session there was an artistic exhibition of Irish step dancing, and for the men there was an unlimited supply of Tarpey's best cigars. Magistrate Patrick T. Sullivan spoke on Irish womanhood, when all again joined in singing and the auspicious meeting closed.

The dainty luncheon was greatly enjoyed and won high praise for the committee, composed of Thomas Keenan, Sr., Counselman Charles Pineson, ex-State President George J. Butler, Treasurer Thomas Lawler and President Hugh Hourigan.

INCULCATING PATRIOTISM.
Recently the Most Rev. Archbishop Blenk issued a letter to the clergy of the diocese of New Orleans appointing Washington's birthday, February 22, as Catholic school children's day. The object of the innovation was to inculcate patriotism and love of country in the hearts of the rising generation. The details of the affair were in charge of the Fourth Degree, New Orleans Assembly, Knights of Columbus.

WILL WAIT HOME RULE.
Cardinal Farley, in an address to the Gaelic Society of New York City last Friday night, declared that he would never again visit Ireland until it, his native land, was granted home rule. The Cardinal, who has

been a member of the Gaelic Society ever since its inception in 1878, received a large delegation of the society at the Cathedral residence, in addressing them he expressed the hope that Ireland will have home rule in his lifetime. "I shall never set foot in Ireland again until our native country has home rule," the Cardinal said earnestly. "If she does obtain it I will visit her, but never till then."

EQUIPPED

For His High Office Is Papal Delegate Bonzano.

While the newly appointed Papal Delegate, Monsignor Giovanni Bonzano, is not generally known in this country, he has many friends here who have had the pleasure of meeting him in Rome. These describe him as a man about fifty-six years of age. He is a scholar, speaks English fluently, has held important positions, and is thoroughly equipped for the high office to which he has been called by the Holy See. Monsignor Bonzano was born at Vigevano, Province of Pavia, of well-to-do parents. For a time he served as a missionary in the East, whence he was recalled owing to ill-health. In December, 1906, he was appointed Rector of the College of the Propaganda. He has been a domestic prelate of the Pope since 1904. The Delegate has been closely identified with the American hierarchy and is on friendly terms with nearly all its members. His position also brought him in close contact with the students in the American College in Rome, as they attended the lectures in the College of the Propaganda. He will be warmly welcomed in this country and will without question receive an enthusiastic greeting from clergy and laity.

DICTAGRAPH

Methods Prove Failure at Gary Bribery Investigation.

The value of the dictagraph and the Burns Detective Agency methods was amply shown up in the so-called bribery cases in Gary, Ind., this past week by the following taken from the Evening Post of that city, the Dean referred to formerly being of Louisville:

"Thomas B. Dean himself dictated the so-called dictagraph records with which the prosecution of the Gary bribery cases hoped to convict and drive out of office a number of city officials and Councilmen, including Mayor Thomas B. Knott. Meyer Himmelblau, the stenographer employed by Dean to do the infamous work, has confessed to the part he played in the transaction—how Dean dictated the alleged records and then destroyed the original shorthand notes. The Evening Post is enabled to publish the facts relating to one of the most infamous conspiracies ever hatched to send public officials to the penitentiary on manufactured evidence."

Thence follows the affidavit by Stenographer Himmelblau, stating that after his employment he had begun to think over the matter and that his conscience would not allow him to be a party to railroad ing innocent men to prison, and that the money paid him had been received from the Burns Detective Agency. During the progress of the trial William A. Baker, Judge DuRelle, Charles Buddhu, William Blades and John Young, of this city, had testified to Dean's character, while J. W. Clements, P. J. Welsh, Roman Leachman and Sam Farnsley, also of this city, had given damaging evidence against his moral character and reputation. Ex-Chief of Police Haeger was employed by the Dean side, while ex-Lieut. James K. Kearney was in the employ of Mayor Knott and is much elated over the outcome of the case, and states that since the above Dean has been indicted for perjury.

DEATH WAS SUDDEN.

The funeral of Mrs. Maggie Winebrenner, fifty-five years old, who died suddenly Saturday night, took place Tuesday morning from St. Cecilia's church. Mrs. Winebrenner was taken ill with violent pains in her head while returning to her home, 616 North Twenty-sixth street, from a grocery. After reaching home a physician was summoned, but she died before he reached the house. Mrs. Winebrenner suffered an attack of paralysis about a year ago, and it was only three weeks ago that death claimed her son. She was a widow and was formerly Miss Maggie Crowe. She leaves a sister, Mrs. Jerry King.

CONSECRATIONS.

Archbishop Keane, of Dubuque, will officiate at the consecration and installation of Bishop-elect McGovern, of Cheyenne. The consecration will take place in the Cathedral of Omaha, the date of which has not been definitely decided. The installation will follow the consecration in the Cathedral of Cheyenne. Archbishop Keane will not officiate at the consecration, of Bishop-elect Dowling, of Des Moines, but he will attend the ceremony, which will take place in the Cathedral of Providence, R. I., over which he has ruled as pastor for a number of years. The date of Bishop Dowling's consecration is also uncertain for the same reason as is that of Bishop McGovern.

MENACE.

Rev. Father Foley Calls Hand of Scurrilous A. P. A. Sheet.

Requests Post Office Authorities to Forbid Use of Mails.

Libelous Attack on Nuns and Convents Cause of the Protest.

UP TO POSTMASTER GENERAL

President Taft has brought to the attention of the Postmaster General a letter received by him from Rev. Father M. J. Foley, editor of the Western Catholic, of Quincy, Ill., regarding a scurrilous sheet published by the Rev. (?) T. C. Walker at Aurora, Mo. Father Foley's letter to the President is as follows:

"To the President of the United States—Dear Mr. President: There is a limit to patience even among Catholics, who are known for their proverbial patience under slander, insult and libel! As editor of a staunch Catholic American paper I have received letters from the purest and noblest manhood of America—fathers and brothers who have daughters and sisters in convents—homes as you know and as you have recently borne testimony to—of the purest and noblest women in our fair land. The indignant fathers and brothers of those American ladies are stirred to desperation by the villainous attacks of ignorant bigots. At this moment there is printed in Aurora, Mo., the most infamous and libelous slanders ever perpetrated in this supposedly free land, where we boast about our glorious freedom of conscience.

"The name of this vile sheet is a very appropriate one, 'The Menace.' This 'Menace' is a menace to the peace, happiness and well-being of our country. That this publication is permitted to soil and contaminate the United States mail is an awful disgrace to the postal administration, for it contains the most diabolical libels against the purest women in America—women whose self-sacrificing lives and noble work you yourself have often extolled. There are hideous things in said sheet which I would not dare submit to your perusal. But take the following excerpt from one of its latest issues:

"The history of these institutions is as black and appalling as the pages bespattered with narratives of the Inquisition. That they are human charnel houses in the full sense and meaning of the term is evidenced by facts galore. There are living witnesses, in numerous cases, who can testify that they have seen those places destroyed by fire, or razed to the ground for the excavation and erection of new buildings, and that in practically every instance the walls of the underground recesses were bespattered with the brains of children of too recent birth, while in the muck and mire of water and quicklime the skeletons of those of varying ages are in many cases too numerous to count."

"Mr. President, do you think of that? Understand well that the man of filthy mind who penned the above hideous lies about our Catholic convents is the Rev. (?) Mr. Walker of the 'Menace,' Aurora, Mo. Understand well that said publication enjoys second class postal privileges under the present postal administration. Understand well that we have called the attention of the Washington authorities to this un-American, un-Christian and anti-Catholic publication without material results.

"Our patience is exhausted! Before appealing to the National Federation of Catholic Societies representing several million Catholic fathers and brothers throughout our glorious republic, I first submit the matter to the President of our country—knowing full well that the broad-minded, noble-hearted, truth-loving, lie-hating President will see to it that the United States mail will be barred against the 'Menace' and against any publication that dares libel the fairest, the purest and the best among our American women. That such a happy end may be consummated is the most earnest desire and prayer of yours very respectfully,

REV. M. J. FOLEY,
Editor of the Western Catholic, Quincy, Ill."

The White House, Washington—My Dear Sir: Your letter of the second instant has been received and, by the President's direction, brought to the attention of the Postmaster General. Sincerely yours,
"CHARLES D. HILLES,"
Secretary of the President.
"Rev. M. J. Foley, 722 Main street, Quincy, Ill."

AGAINST NEW TREATIES.

A nation-wide campaign against the international peace propaganda is the plan of the American Truth Society launched last week in New York. In a statement announcing the organization of the society its Secretary denounces the proposed arbitration treaties as "a substantial step in the reunion of Great Britain and the United States" and "a

menace to American free institutions," and adds: "If a tribunal with judicial powers can be thus established, tribunals with legislative powers can also be established. If legislative and executive tribunals are established by treaty, it remains to create by treaty an executive power to enforce the legislative enactments and judicial decrees."

RECENT DEATHS.

The last solemn rites over the remains of Charles Hoban, sixty years old and a respected resident of the West End, were held Monday morning at St. Cecilia's church. Surviving him is his daughter, Miss Vina Hoban, with whom he resided at 1215 St. Xavier street.

The Church of Our Lady in Portland suffered a loss by the death of Mrs. Sallie Price, whose funeral took place Monday afternoon. Rev. Father Conniff conducting the solemn services. Besides her daughter, Miss Mary Price, two small sons mourn the loss of a devoted mother.

The sympathy of the community is felt for Edward Barrett and children, of 1011 Dumeau street, whose beloved wife and mother was claimed by death last Sunday. Mrs. Barrett, conducting the funeral services at St. Cecilia's church. Where the funeral took place Wednesday morning.

Miss Margaret Tierney, who died Saturday at the residence of her brother, Michael O'Malley, 388 North Twenty-sixth street, was buried Monday morning following the funeral services at St. Cecilia's church. A great number of friends followed the remains to St. John's cemetery.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. John Dell sympathize deeply with them in the loss of their baby son, John Francis Dell, aged eighteen months, who died Monday afternoon. The funeral took place from the residence, 715 West St. Catherine street, Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

The funeral of Mrs. Rosanna Drury, widow of Peter Drury, took place Monday morning from the Cathedral. Her death resulted from pneumonia following a long illness. Mrs. Drury was the widow of Peter Drury, and is survived by a daughter, Miss Mattie Drury, and a son, Hood Drury, both of this city.

With Rev. Thomas York as celebrant of the high mass of requiem, the funeral of Edward Lynch, aged thirty-four, took place Monday morning from St. Paul's church, where sorrowing friends paid tribute of respect to his memory. Besides his brother, John L. Lynch, 607 East Ormsby, he leaves one sister.

The funeral of Mrs. Hannah Purtil, wife of Joseph Purtil, 1646 Prentice street, took place Monday morning from St. Peter's church. She was twenty-three years of age, and the news of her death came as a shock to friends and relatives, by whom she was admired for her womanly virtues.

Announcement of the death Sunday afternoon of Mrs. Carmen Marie Mazzoni, beloved wife of Charles Mazzoni, 707 Rubel avenue, caused a feeling of gloom to pervade her wide circle of friends, by whom she was held in the highest esteem. Mrs. Mazzoni was born in Louisville forty-seven years ago, and is survived by her husband and three daughters—Mrs. Morgan Parlin, Mrs. George Wolff and Miss Pearl Mazzoni. The funeral was held Wednesday from the Cathedral and was largely attended.

Miss Mary Jollissat, aged twenty-three, the only surviving child of Mrs. Anna Jollissat, 828 South Street, died Sunday morning of pneumonia. She was born in Memphis, but came here while a child, and was one of the most devout members of the Blessed Virgin's Sodality of St. Louis Bertrand's church. During the past year death claimed her sister and father, leaving the bereaved mother as the only survivor. The funeral took place Monday morning from St. Louis Bertrand's church, with a solemn mass of requiem for the repose of her soul.

WITH THE SICK.

The recent severe weather has been the cause of much sickness in the fire department. Just now William Burke, of the No. 19's, is confined to his home on Elliott avenue, suffering from rheumatism due to exposure. Joseph McAvoy, engineer of the No. 7's, and John Kehoe, of the No. 20's, have also been off duty because of sickness. Capt. Lark Philpott, of the No. 4 hook and ladder company, who was threatened with an attack of pneumonia, is able to sit up at his home, Thirty-third street and Rudd avenue.

WILL TOUR IRELAND.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carleton, who appeared here last week in vaudeville with their pleasing and refined Irish sketch, are now making arrangements to tour Ireland in the spring and summer, and have already been booked for some of the leading Irish cities. The sketch of Mr. and Mrs. Carleton has been endorsed everywhere by Irish societies, and they are sure to receive a warm welcome in the tight little isle across the sea.

KNIGHTS ELECT STUMBLER.
St. Edward's Commandery, Knights of St. John, of New Albany, has elected John Stumler Treasurer of the commandery to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John Stumler.

Y. M. I.

Last Sunday a Memorable Day in the History of Mackin Council.

Receive Holy Communion, Initiate Big Class and Enjoy a Banquet.

Trinity Council Now Making Splendid Progress With Its Opera.

DR. BIZOT HAPPY TOASTMASTER

Last Sunday was another memorable day in the history of events of the Young Men's Institute and particularly of Mackin Council. On that day the great West End council received twenty-seven candidates into full membership. Considering that the preceding initiation was less than four months ago, this is a remarkable increase and shows that President Frank Adams and the members have not been idle. All the candidates and many members of Mackin received holy communion at St. Anthony's church at 7:30 o'clock in the morning, the large number presenting a sight most edifying. The initiatory work took place in the afternoon at the club house on Twenty-sixth street, and was conducted by the Kentucky jurisdiction degree team, under the lead of Robert T. Burke, Thomas D. Cline, Dr. J. A. Casper and Ben Sandman. All pronounced the degree work the best yet seen and was so well done as to leave a lasting impression. In the class were Edward J. Brady, Martin T. Feeney, Robert J. Tennant, John O'Connor, John C. Baum, Ben Schnepf, Jr., Albert L. Mims, William T. East, Edwin M. Voce, Joseph Grueser, Bert Barrett, John Wernert, William F. Nickless, Edward A. Hodapp, Joseph A. Cusick, Eli Edwin Elliott, William Charles Schott, James J. Brown, Jr., Charles R. O'Connell, John R. Bannon, Albert E. Andriotti, Robert E. Carroll, John L. Gleim, Joseph Dopmeier and Bernard J. Henley.

Fathers Raffo, Felten and Weitekemper were present and delivered stirring addresses. They approved the work and gave the new and old members great encouragement. In the evening at 6:30 o'clock a grand banquet was served at the new Tyler Hotel, to which the members of the Y. M. I. were invited and were well represented. After partaking of the delectable viands Dr. A. R. Bizot congratulated Mackin on securing such a large increase and happily welcomed the new members. He introduced Rev. Father Weitekemper as the first speaker, who told of his introduction into the order eleven years ago. Placed here, he said, to serve God; with the Y. M. I. before us we will not find it hard to go through life, and we will become better men if we go forth and try to persuade by word and example.

Dr. Michael Casper, Hon. Sam L. Robertson, Rev. Frances Felten, B. Henley, Thomas D. Cline, Camden R. McAtee, Charles Raily, James Shelley, George J. Lauts and President Adams were also heard from, and their remarks were timely and appropriate. After prayer by Father Felten all dispersed, delighted with the evening's enjoyment. Monday night, both Trinity and Mackin Councils held good meetings. At Trinity the cast and chorus for the coming opera held a most satisfactory rehearsal. President Hennessy announced that the Musical Club had closed a contract with Manager Garrity for the Shubert Masonic Theater for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 22, 23 and 24, for the production of "Sergeant Kitty." It was also stated that soon after Easter a class of at least fifty would receive the degrees. Mackin Council's members were entertained with an instructive address by Rev. Father Felten. The programme for next Monday night includes a debate, the subject being "Resolved, That Capital Punishment Should Be Abolished," with George Thornton and Sherry Cuniff taking the affirmative and Will Rihn and W. A. Link on the negative. This promises to be a contest, as all have been giving much study to the subject.

LENTEEN SERVICES.
During the Lenten season the Passionist fathers will have devotions at the Sacred Heart Retreat every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, including the Way of the Cross, sermon and benediction. On all the Sunday evenings the Passionist fathers will preach sermons in English at St. Anthony's, St. Peter's and Holy Trinity churches. On Tuesday they will preach at St. Cecilia's, and on Wednesdays at Holy Cross. Father Cyril J. conducting the Lenten devotions at St. Stephen's in Owenabro, and the fathers from the Retreat are all kept busy.

LONG ILLNESS ENDS.
After an illness of several months Arthur Tracy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Tracy, of Jeffersonville, was claimed by death on Friday of last week. Besides his young wife and his parents he is survived by three brothers, George, Daniel and Edward Tracy. Born in Jeffersonville twenty-four years ago, the deceased had been employed by the American

Car and Foundry Company since leaving school. All who knew him like him, and for the bereaved young wife there is the most profound sympathy. The funeral took place Sunday afternoon from St. Augustine's church, of which he had been a member from boyhood. Rev. Father John O'Connell officiating at the sad obsequies.

IRISH LORD

Will Not Longer Support the Belfast Brand of Loyalty.

Lord Killanin, who until recently was a staunch pillar of Irish Unionism, can be regarded no longer as a supporter of what he describes as "the Belfast brand of loyalty." He feels that a spirit of fanaticism alone can be responsible for the actions of any section of Belfast men who refuse to give a hearing to Lord Pirrie, and he considers it would be undignified for any man of sense or political honor to be identified with such a "rabble." Lord Killanin's popularity in the west of Ireland has been sufficient to enable him to defeat the Nationalist in a square election fight in his native city of Galway. Politics have now, in his view, degenerated into sordid personal interests, and he means in future to devote his activities toward the industrial development of the country. In a month or so he will make a trip to the United States, where he would distinguish himself. The indications are, however, that he is too broad-minded for present-day machine ideas.

KUNO MEYER.

Great Celtic Scholar Will Tour the United States.

Dublin press reports state that Dr. Kuno Meyer, the distinguished German scholar, will proceed to America shortly in the interests of the Irish language movement. His self-imposed task will be undertaken to replenish the exchequer of the movement, which is not at the moment in a healthy condition. The anticipations of home rule have so absorbed the attention of the Irish people during the last twelve months or so that they have not had time to give much thought to the financial necessities of the language revival. The professor knows no politics beyond claiming there can be no national spirit where there is no national language, and for this reason he is willing to make sacrifices to restore to Irishmen the native tongue.

Long before the Gaelic movement enjoyed any popularity, even in Ireland, Kuno Meyer was a Celtic scholar of European eminence; and together with Douglas Hyde he has worked incessantly both in and out of Ireland to rouse interest in the matter of the Gaelic language. So deeply has he delved into Celtic literature that he now feels no uncertainty training can be complete that does not include Celtic in its curriculum. It was through him that London University, which he has just been appointed lecturer, added Celtic to its language programme. He also has influenced the study of Celtic at Berlin, Bonn and Heidelberg. Although he is by birth, upbringing and temperament a German citizen, he has been so long identified with the language movement in Ireland that Irishmen have come to regard him as one of themselves.

TAFT IN PARADE.

In response to an invitation received from Mayor Fitzgerald, of Boston, at the White House on Monday, President Taft stated that he would pin a shamrock on the lapel of his coat, look around for a good shillelagh and ride at the head of the St. Patrick's day parade in Boston on Monday, March 11. The Ancient Order of Hibernians of Boston and the surrounding vicinity are preparing to make this the grandest celebration in their history.

DELEGATES APPOINTED.

The local Federation of Catholic Societies has been materially strengthened by the action of Louisville County Knights of Columbus, which last week voted to affiliate with the federation, which now embraces all the great orders of Catholic men. Grand Knight William Klappke appointed the following as delegates from Louisville Council 202: Messrs. John A. Doyle, Louis A. Hodapp, Leo W. Goss, T. A. Bohan, Edward J. Bosier, Dr. Michael Casper, A. G. Sund, Charles J. Cronan, Dr. J. Duane, John W. Keity, Walter E. Hilerich, Jacob J. Hubbuch, Ben H. Imorde and T. C. Mapother.

MAYSVILLE.

St. Patrick's church at Maysville was the scene of an interesting wedding Tuesday morning, the contracting parties being Peter Gallenstein and Miss Anna Tierney, a popular young couple of the county. Rev. Father P. M. Jones performed the marriage ceremony, which attracted a large gathering of friends and relatives of the bride and groom.

WELCOMED.

St. John's Branch Holds Rousing Meeting of Catholic Knights.

Entertained Central Committee and Guests in Hospitable Manner.

Branch 25 in the Contest for Supreme Council Prize.

FACTS AND FIGURES PRESENTED

Judged from the results of last Monday night's meeting of the Catholic Knights of America under the auspices of Branch 25 at St. John's Hall, Clay and Walnut streets, the membership campaign planned by Secretary Ben Kruse and the Central Committee will surpass all expectations. The Central Committee intends visiting at least one branch each month for the purpose of holding a general meeting and bringing the members closer together and instructing them in their duties. Happily the first visit was to St. John's branch, where the Central Committee was founded by Supreme Delegate H. A. Veeneman twelve years ago.

When President William T. Meehan took the chair the hall was crowded, among the visitors being Miss Gertrude McGinn, Miss Teresa McDermott, President John Schalla, Joseph Herp, Supreme Deputy John Kinney, Joseph Kinney, Secretary Ben Kruse, H. A. Veeneman, Charles F. Taylor, Patrick Weil and several others whose names were not obtained. Messages of regret were received from Gen. Michael Reicher and Miss Louise Fackler, who were unable to be present because of sickness in their homes. President Meehan welcomed the visitors and thanked them for their presence. Martin Naughton was reported critically ill, while all rejoiced when announcement was made that Michael Keane, a pioneer of the order, was improving. Charles Laswell received his certificate, two more applications were filed and two more prepared for the first Monday in March.

Supreme Deputy John Kinney, of Jeffersonville, the first speaker introduced, expressed himself pleased and surprised to see the number present, and then addressed at some length the younger Catholic Knights, who were urged to ask their friends to prepare for the dark hour that accompanies death. The Catholic Knights of America, he declared, besides assisting the members in many ways, Joseph Schalla, President of the Central Committee, was next introduced and delivered a stirring address. With facts and figures he compared the Catholic Knights with other insurance organizations, pointing out the differences that exist and the safe position occupied by the former. For years he had made an earnest study of the fraternal insurance problem, and was now compelled to award the Catholic Knights of America the palm, as they had the largest reserve fund and less liabilities than any other.

Supreme Delegate Harry Veeneman, the founder, gave an interesting history of the Central Committee, which was organized in the hall of Branch 25 twelve years ago. He pointed out the way members should work for the order and congratulated Branch 25 on its entry into the contest for the prizes offered by the Supreme Council. The branch had now a good lead, which could be maintained if the members would perform their duty. Patrick Weil spoke for the Federation of Catholic Societies, inviting Branch 25 to become affiliated. Without a dissenting vote a motion was made and carried that the invitation be accepted, and President William Meehan and Treasurer Eugene McCarthy were elected delegates by acclamation.

The business concluded, Ben Kruse presided over the festive board, where was dispensed a toothsome luncheon. Light refreshments Branch 25 twelve. All sides were heard words of praise for the Central Committee's new plan, which promises to grow in popularity as it becomes better known. When the next visit will be made has not yet been decided, but announcement will be made in these columns.

URGE HOME RULE.

From 15,000 to 20,000 Londoners assembled Saturday afternoon in Trafalgar Square in support of the Government's proposed measure of self-government for Ireland. Liberals and Nationalists joined in the demonstration, members of the House of Commons occupying seven of the platforms. Resolutions urging the necessity of giving to Ireland a measure of home rule to Ireland as is consistent with the maintenance of imperial supremacy and suggesting that the bill be so framed as to be capable of early application to England, Scotland and Wales were adopted with enthusiasm. William G. C. Gladstone, Liberal member of Parliament for Kilmarnock Burgh and a grandson of William Pitt the Great, who introduced the home rule bill in 1885, was one of the speakers. He said that democracy of England had no cause of home rule its own.